

ADDENDA (May 1990)

McComas-Keen House
631 Roland Avenue
HA-1487

Paragraph 1

- 1) Change Line 1 to read: "This two and a half story, three bay, gable-roofed, **vinyl** shiplap house is at 631 Roland Avenue . . . "
- 2) Change Line 10 to read: "**The door is wood and glass—a single wooden panel on the lower half and a multi-paned window above it. The door is surmounted by a long transom, and flanked by glass over panel sidelights.**"
- 3) Change the last sentence to read: "**There is a second story back porch in the southeast rear ell. The fenestration of the ell has been greatly altered.**"
- 4) Add the following information to the text where appropriate:
 - a) "**There are 1/1 windows in the one-story nook between the west and south elevations.**"
 - b) "**The roof of the house is sheathed in composition roll.**"
 - c) "**There are two interior chimneys which pierce the roof at the ridge.**"

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

McComas - Keen House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

631 Roland

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles C. McCullough

Telephone #: 838-7458

STREET & NUMBER

631 Roland

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

HA-1487

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story, three bay, gable-roofed, shiplap house is at 631 Roland Avenue in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It is T-shaped with a projecting two bay by one bay section. The three gables (north, south, and west) have fishscale shingles and round-headed 2/2 double hung windows. The other major windows are flat 2/2 except for the two 2/4 windows in the first story front (west) elevation. A rectangular single story, hipped roof bay window has been added to the west bay of the projection. The entrance is in the north bay of the west elevation of the cross bar of the T. It has a long transom, glass over panel sidelights and a four panel door. The front porch has a rolled tin roof carried on chamfered posts with scroll brackets. The balustrade has plain square balusters. There is a second story back porch in the southeast corner.

The interior of the house was inaccessible, but according to the neighbors it has a similar floorplan to 626 Roland.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1899

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Contractor: John
Wilgis

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house, more like the older Victorian houses than the Queen Anne houses built around it, was built by Harry Keen in 1899 on land leased from Mary Dallam (98/227). Keen was a partner in Hanway & Keen Lumber Yard at the railroad station, the successor to neighbor Edward Ferry's lumber yard. The contractor was John Wilgis who was simultaneously building the McComas house next door (626 Roland).

Mary Dallam had transferred her property in Dallam's Second Addition to her daughter-in-law Josephine Dallam (Mrs. Richard Dallam), so it was Josephine Dallam who conveyed this lot in fee simple to Keen in 1902 (104/251). That same year Keen bought the lot next door to the north from Edward Ferry and presumably built that house (635 Roland) by 1904 because in that year he sold this one to Bettie McGaw for \$1,550 (113/440). In 1908 Mrs. McGaw sold the house to William N. McComas (122/466). McComas left a life interest in the property to his wife Agnes (will 21/212). She died in 1961, and their son Herbert L. McComas sold the property to the present owner, Charles C. McCullough.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #107 in the Town of Bel Air.
50' x 200'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew, Architectural Historian

13 November 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE: 631 ROLAND

638/371 14 January 1964
Herbert L. McComas & Edna
 to
Charles C. McCullough & Marianne
William McComas is dead. By his will
(21/212) he devised the property to his
wife Agnes for life with the remainder
to their son Herbert McComas. Agnes
McComas died July 24, 1961

122/466 11 April 1908
Bettie H. McGaw & William (William
now in Kokomo City, Ind.)
 to
William N. McComas
\$1,600

113/440 30 November 1904
Harry C. Keen & Mamie D.
 to
Bettie McGaw
\$1,550

104/251 14 May 1902
Josephine R. Dallam & Richard
 to
Harry C. Keen
\$162.50
Keen leased the property from Mary
Dallam (1899, 96/417) for 15 years.
Mary Dallam conveyed her interest to
her daughter-in-law Josephine Dallam
(1899, 98/227.)

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GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET





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